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## GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE.

Gentlemen of the Senate and Assembly:

By the annual reports of the secretary of state, and state treasurer, which are printed and in readiness for examination, it will be seen that the finances of the state are in a sound condition. During the past year, all demands against the state have been promptly met on presentation, and at the end of the fiscal year, Sept. 30th, 1860, there was a balance on hand of the general fund, amounting to \$39,045.46.

The balance in the general fund, Jan. 1, 1860, was \$16,910.47.

The aggregate receipts into the general fund during the year 1860, were \$416,286.12. Consisting of the following items:

State Tax, \$263,593.72

Bank Tax, 88,488.94

Railroad Tax, 23,555.95

Insurance Tax, 9,606.13

Miscellaneous, 14,130.85

Balance from 1859, 16,910.47

The aggregate disbursements from the general fund for the calendar year 1860, were \$359,589.29.

Leaving a balance in treasury Jan. 1, 1860, of \$56,705.88

The expenditures from this fund, the sum of \$189,809.23 was for the state prison, the various benevolent institutions, payment of interest on state loan, &c., leaving the sum of \$189,711.06 as properly the cost of carrying on the state government. This sum compares with like item, as ascertained for the previous year, as follows:

Expenses of 1859, \$188,836.46

Expenses of 1860, 189,771.06

The careful estimates of the secretary of state, show the probable resources of the state applicable to the payment of expenses for the fiscal year ending October 1st, 1861 to amount to \$469,331.04

The expenditures of the same period of time, calculated on a sufficiently liberal scale for all the necessities of the state government, are estimated at \$360,742.40

Estimated balance in the treasury, at the close of the fiscal year 1861, \$103,588.64

PUBLIC PRINTING.

It is a matter for general congratulation that the questions at issue between the state and the contractor for the public printing, for the years 1859 and 1860, have been finally settled. A detailed history of the matter will be found in the report of the secretary of state, by whom, acting with the advice of the attorney general, the negotiations for a settlement were conducted. The cost of the printing for the two years has been very much greater than was anticipated at the time of letting the contract. It was then thought that the sum of \$20,000 per year would be more than sufficient to meet the payments under the contract; but there had been audited by the late secretary of state, up to Dec. 31, 1859, the sum of \$77,104.07, while there still remained, of accounts not yet presented and adjusted, but claimed by the contractor, the sum of \$120,176.78; and the whole amount claimed by him, from Nov. 30, 1858, down to Dec. 31, 1859, was \$219,102.25!! and there remained a year of this contract. By the settlement with the state printer, the total amount paid to him, to the termination of his contract, Jan. 1, 1860, is \$96,201.21 of which \$17,616.17 is for all the printing for the year 1859. The printing for the years 1861 and 1862 has been let, under the law of last session, to Messrs. E. A. Calkins & Co., of Madison.

SCHOOL FUND.

The school fund, owing to the forfeiture of very large quantities of lands (hereinafter sold and estimated as a portion of the productive fund, bearing 7 per cent. interest), exhibits a large diminution in its nominal capital and actual revenue. The extent to which this diminution has gone, will be learned by an examination of the report of the superintendent of public instruction, in which the condition of the fund is treated very fully. The number of acres of school lands, thus far, forfeited for non-payment of dues, and yet unsold, Oct. 1, 1860, was 352,840, while the proportion of loss to the productive school fund, by the forfeiture of swamp lands, was, to that date, 247,130 acres. With the return of prosperous times, in the course of the succeeding year, these lands will again be sold and added to the productive fund. The superintendent estimates the productive school fund, Oct. 1, 1860, at \$2,333,694; and supposing the lands at present belonging to that fund to be sold at the minimum appraisal, he estimates that the fund will reach \$3,234,156, from existing resources; while there will be added to it, in the future, the proceeds of sixteen section lands not yet in market, one-fourth of the proceeds of the sale of swamp lands not yet offered, besides the avails of lands claimed from the general government, and the long-withheld 5 per cent fund, which must eventually come to the state.

The report of the commissioners of school and university lands will be laid before you, containing information and suggestions in relation to the business entrusted to their charge. Your careful attention to the subject is imperatively needed, in order that, by judicious legislation, proper safeguards may be placed around these important funds which have been much diminished by carelessness in past years.

STATE UNIVERSITY.

The University Fund, on the 1st October, 1860, amounted to \$236,725.92 On which the annual interest, at 7 per cent. is \$20,070.03 Add balance in Treasury, 313.33 Gives income for the University for the year, \$20,383.41

This fund shows a decrease of some \$14,000 from last year, owing to the same cause which produced the diminution of the productive school fund.

The report of the board of regents of the state university, made according to requirement of law, will be laid before you, exhibiting the condition of the institution. There is no maxim more sound than that frequent changes in the policy and administration of such institutions is in the highest degree detrimental. With its buildings now completed, at an expense of not less than \$100,000, and affording ample accommodations for years to come, what the university mainly requires, is to be let alone, to pursue a quiet and even course of usefulness and progress. Earnest effort on the part of its faculty, under the judicious supervision of its regents, with an established policy, steadily pursued, will without doubt, with its advantages of situation, speedily place it among the most important institutions of the state.

SWAMP LAND FUND.

The Swamp Land Fund, on the 1st October, 1860, amounted to \$313,920.34 The interest of which at 7 per cent. amounts to 56,067.34

is appropriated by law, in the following proportion:

To the School Fund 25 per cent, or,

14,241.00

To the Normal School Fund, 25 per cent, or,

11,241.00

To the Drainage Fund, 50 per cent, or, 25,482.00

During the past year, approved lists of swamp lands, coming to the state, under the act of 1850, amounting to about 500,000 acres, have been received at the executive office, and requests have been transmitted to the general land office, that patents therefor should be issued to the state. These lands are a part of those conceded by the government to belong to the state, no settlement of the questions long at issue with the department, having been effected.

CAPITAL ENLARGEMENT.

I deem it my duty again to call attention to the necessity of commencing the enlarg-

ment of the capitol. The foundation for the west wing or front, ought to have been laid last year, so that during the present year the wing could have been completed. The public necessities clearly require that this work should be commenced. The supreme court, the senate, the bank comptroller, and the treasurer, all need the accommodations of the proposed new building for the convenient transaction of the public business. The records, the monies, the securities, and the books and papers belonging to the school land department, are constantly liable to be destroyed. Millions of dollars in value, of public and private property, are constantly risked and periled for want of the outlay of a few thousands of dollars, in a necessary and permanent public improvement.

VALUATION.

The tables annexed to the report of the secretary of state, show the valuation property in the state for the last year, (there being no new valuation of property assessed in 1859,) to be as follows:—

Value of real estate, \$256,555,774
Value of personal property, 27,506,781

Total, \$184,062,535

The amount of taxes levied upon the property of the people for state expenses, during the last year, was one mill and three-tenths on the dollar of valuation, being one-tenth of a mill less than the previous year, although owing to the increased return of personal property and new improvements, the sum realized was \$242,031.25, being a slight increase over the previous year.

CENSUS, ETC.

The decennial enumeration of the population and the collection of statistics by the U. S. government, have been made during the past year, and the state of Wisconsin exhibits a wonderful increase in number, and growth in every material element of prosperity. The following-table shows the population of the territory and the state, at the different periods of enumeration:

1830—Territorial, 11,688
1833 " 18,138
1840 " 30,945
1845 " 44,767
1850 " 210,647
1855—State (U. S. census), 303,391
1860—U. S. " 552,100
1860—Wisconsin, 777,771

The figures show an increase in population of 572,380 in the last ten years, and of 225,602 in the last five years. Wisconsin coming into the Union in 1845, and being the twenty-fourth state in population in 1850, is now the thirteenth, and the advantages which it offers to emigrants from the older states, and from abroad, must, in a very few years, place it among the very foremost states of the Union. The important duty of making the apportionment for congressional and legislative districts, will devolve upon you.

COMMON SCHOOLS.

The interesting and valuable report of the superintendent of public instruction, full details are given of the condition and working of our common school system. The number of persons in the state between the ages of 4 and 20, as returned for 1860, is 258,954, an increase of some 10,000 beyond the previous year. The average length of time for which schools have been taught, is 24 months returned for 1860, against 5½ months for 1859.

Total number of districts in the state, 4,911

This state shows an increase of 1,262 from 1859.

Average wages paid to male teachers per month, 24.23

Average wages paid to female teachers per month, 15.30

Number of students at school during the year, 199,455

Amount paid for teachers wages in 1860, \$567,481.00

Total expenditures for all purposes connected with the common schools, \$307,576.00

This sum is derived from the state treasury, within the last fiscal year was 171,460.00

I invite your early and careful attention to the suggestions and recommendations contained in the superintendent's report.

NORMAL SCHOOLS.

The report of the Board of Regents of Normal Schools will be laid before you. The fund at their disposal, arising entirely from the sale of swamp lands, has been very much abridged by the decrease in the amount of lands sold from year to year, while the amount appropriated directly to the institutions in which normal classes have been taught has been lessened by the payment of agencies employed by the board, carrying forward the work of education: so that the sum distributed the last year was only \$4,641, or \$20 to each pupil taught. A more strict examination, however, has lessened the number of beneficiaries of the fund, that this sum exceeds the average amount distributed the previous year, by \$2 to each pupil.

BANKS AND BANKING.

The annual report of the Bank Comptroller for the fiscal year ending October 1st, 1860, is printed and ready for your inspection. In addition, that officer has furnished me with the figures embraced in the following statement, bringing the principal items down to January 1, 1861, and presenting a comparative statement with the condition of the Department one year ago:

Number of banks Jan. 1, 1860, one hundred and eight.

Capital and surplus capital of \$7,700,000

Twenty-five banks have increased their capital by 350,000

Total capital Jan. 1, 1861, and increase, \$8,050,000

Five banks have relinquished business, with an aggregate capital of \$100,000

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The annual report of the Adjutant General.

The annual report of the adjutant general shows that fifty-two uniformed volunteer companies are organized and armed, and in various states of efficiency, numbering 1,992 rank and file. Besides these companies, twelve others, in different parts of the state, have applied for organization and equipment. Should the last mentioned companies be regularly equipped with the legal number of arms, the total number would be 2,473. But the state has not the means to arm more than three or four of these companies, all of whom are good citizens, everywhere, may take a just pride in its prosperity. The report of the board of managers exhibits fully its condition and wants, and together with the closing report of the building commissioners, shows the economy of the erection and completion of the buildings, and its management since it has been opened.

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The trustees ask for an appropriation of \$13,500 for support and current expenses, and for additional buildings, steam heating apparatus, &c., a sufficient amount to make the whole amount asked for, \$20,450.

BLIND ASYLUM.—The trustees of this institution report the amount expended during the past year to be \$13,495.94,

which leave a balance of the appropriation yet undrawn, amounting to \$2,250, of which about \$750 will be needed to complete existing contracts. They ask the sum of \$16,000 for the year 1861, of which \$10,000 is estimated for the support of the institution. The number of pupils in attendance the past year is 36.

STATE PRISONS.

The number of convicts in the State Prison Jan. 1, 1860, was 187.

Total number discharged on expiration of sentence, was 45.

Number pardoned, 23.

Deaths, 1.

Escaped, 3.

Time reduced under law of 1860, 3.

Number 1860, 170.

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